

WOMEN WORKERS CONTINUE TO KNIT

Washington Dispatch Calling Garments Luxuries Unheeded by Red Cross

OTHER CITY NEWS NOTES

Exclusive Clubs Publish Rolls of Honor Naming Members in Armed Service

Thousands of women workers of the Red Cross auxiliaries have answered with a decided "knit" the dispatch received from Washington to the effect that the garments which they have been knitting are not necessary to the comfort of the men.

The message classed the knitted goods as luxuries and explained that the Government furnishes the troops with suitable clothing for all kinds of weather. It caused a decided flurry among the Red Cross workers in this city. They decided, however, that they would keep right on knitting regardless of what Washington thinks about it.

Charles Scott, Jr., division manager of the Red Cross, said: "We earnestly hope that the women will not stop for one minute this splendid work they have been doing in carrying on this work of knitting for enlisted men."

"Honor Rolls" for Men in Service

Rolls of honor naming members in the nation's armed service were published today by several exclusive clubs. The Racquet Club, with 155 fighters, headed by Brigadier General W. W. Atterbury, claims more service stars in its flag than any similar organization. The Tittenhouse, with 121 the Markham, with 55, and the Downtown, with 15, are others which have given liberally of their memberships. A service flag with 599 stars was raised at the Bell Telephone Building.

Italy Needs United States Supplies

An appeal for American supplies for the relief of refugees in Italy has been received by Mrs. Benjamin Miller, of the Italian committee of the Emergency Aid. It was sent by Captain Gianpicoilli, president of the Waldensian Church of Italy.

War "Smells" Tolerated

Bridgesburg is willing to tolerate unpleasant odors arising near war factories for patriotic reasons. The Bridgesburg Improvement Association received complaints about several large plants in that section. Investigation followed. It was learned that war supplies were being manufactured. Complaints then were withdrawn.

Christmas Bags Shipped

Five thousand Christmas bags have been packed and sent across the Atlantic for American soldiers and sailors by the Equihart Auxiliary of the American Red Cross, working in Red Cross Hall, at the Wanamaker store.

TAFT TO SPEAK ON WAR

Will Deliver Address in Bryn Mawr Gymnasium Tonight

William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, will speak tonight at Bryn Mawr College. He will take as the subject of his address "The World War: What the United States is Fighting For." The address will be delivered in the college gymnasium at 8:30 o'clock. Ex-President Taft is expected to arrive in Bryn Mawr before noon today, coming from the West, where he has been lecturing. He will visit his daughter, Helen Taft, dean of the college.

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TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN WASHINGTON PRISON

Miss Tomkins Describes "Horror" Suffrage Pickets Must Endure

Conditions "so much worse than could be imagined" were described graphically today by Miss Sarah Tomkins, daughter of the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, following her return from Washington, whither she went with the Philadelphia suffragist delegation to register her protest against the treatment accorded "political offenders." Tightly sealed windows, curtailed privacy and entire lack of proper exercise or the most ordinary hygienic precautions are among the horrors she found at the Washington jail, a Federal institution, where the suffrage pickets are confined because they broke the law of the District of Columbia.

"The most terrible thing of all to me," Miss Tomkins recited with tears in her voice, "was the way women of all classes were huddled right in with the other prisoners, no attempt being made even to exercise the commonest precautions to prevent contagion. The condition of the bath-tubs and blankets used in common by all the women prisoners was appalling. Yet our girls were denied the use of their own garments and had to use the jail blankets provided or go cold."

"The food was not only execrable, but chosen without any regard for suitability. Fancy salt pork twice a day, at the very time that the Government is urging the pickets to cut down on its use of those heavy meats. Taken in connection with no exercise—and our pickets are sometimes deprived of their 'political' right to exercise for six days at a time—such a diet is enough to wreck the health of the most vigorous."

Miss Tomkins herself had not been permitted to see Miss Paul in the psychiatric ward, though Miss Katzenstein, after many pleas to Warden Zinkham, had finally been accorded the privilege. Miss Lydia Dock, another member of the "protesting party," had talked to her for an hour below the windows of the psychiatric ward.

"The whole behavior of the warden was shifty and evasive at every point," according to Miss Tomkins. "He made it plain that he is acting under orders of those 'higher up' and hardly dares to accord our pickets considerate treatment, even were he so inclined. That's what makes one's blood boil; to think that every day we see German suspects and other dangerous political offenders running at large, quite untouched by the law; and then think of women like Lucy Burns and Alice Paul singled out for the maximum severity the law will permit."

Another delegation of twenty-five women sympathizers started for Washington at 10:30 this morning, women ready to leave homes, families or responsible business positions; as the case may be, to fight for the cause they believe vital to all women. Prominent among them are Miss Mary Ingham, acting secretary of the National Woman's Party; Miss Martha Davis and Miss Ella Hiegel, an experienced suffrage worker, is a graduate of Bryn Mawr, where by odd irony she studied political economy under "Prof. Woodrow Wilson."

Miss Elizabeth McShane, former Vassar graduate and social worker, returns also to Washington today to receive her sentence tomorrow morning, the result of her trial having been set over from last Tuesday. Being one of the most aggressive of the picketers, she is quite prepared for a penalty of at least thirty days. "I'm more than ready," she said this morning.



MISS SARAH TOMKINS Daughter of the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, who describes as deplorable the conditions under which suffrage pickets are imprisoned at Occoquan, Va.

CUPID BLOCKS PLANS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

Elementary Secretary Surprises Association by Announcing Her Marriage

Dan Cupid, whose activities are known the world over, and who turns up in the most obscure corners, interrupted the fifty-seventh annual convention of the New Jersey Sunday School Association, which is being held in the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden.

The little fellow's activities were discovered when Miss Edna Earle Cole, the elementary secretary of the association, declined to be re-nominated. Pleased for an explanation, Miss Cole blushing admitted that she wasn't Miss Cole at all, but Mrs. John G. Spencer. She and Mr. Spencer, she explained, had been married quietly several days ago in Bridgeton, where the bridegroom is superintendent of the Central M. E. Sunday School.

Both have been active for many years in the work of the association, and it was decided that a honeymoon should be deferred until after the convention. They will leave for Ohio tonight, when the convention closes.

Even the convention smiled at the announcement and a resolution congratulating the pair and wishing them lifelong happiness was immediately presented and unanimously adopted. Miss Edna H. Allen, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, was then elected to fill the position made vacant by Miss Cole's marriage.

The convention devoted its morning session today to intricate work and common meetings. A luncheon was held at noon in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, which was attended by the delegates, Mr.

Lawrence, secretary of the International Association, was the speaker. Mr. Lawrence also will address the convention this afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Goodell, will be the principal speaker at the closing session tonight in the Broadway Church.

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